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Policies and programmes involving youth

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, annexed thereto,

Recalling also its resolution 58/133 of 22 December 2003, in which it, inter alia, recommended devoting two plenary meetings at its sixtieth session, in 2005, to review the situation of youth and achievements attained in the implementation of the World Programme of Action ten years after its adoption,

Recognizing the importance of the full and effective participation of young people and youth organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels in promoting and implementing the World Programme of Action and in evaluating the progress achieved and the obstacles encountered in its implementation,

1. *Decides* to convene, at its sixtieth session, two plenary meetings of the General Assembly devoted to the evaluation of the progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, to be held during the general debate of the Third Committee under the agenda item entitled "Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family";

2. *Urges* Member States to consider being represented by youth representatives when addressing the plenary on this occasion, taking into account gender balance;

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3. *Decides* that, while applying on an exceptional basis the rules governing previous special sessions of the General Assembly and given the availability of time, a limited number of non-governmental youth organizations which are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or which were accredited to the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in 1998 may also make statements in the debate in plenary, provided that their application for consultative status with the Council has not been rejected or that their consultative status with the Council has not been withdrawn or suspended, and that non-governmental youth organizations should be requested to select spokespersons and provide the list thereof to the President of the General Assembly through the United Nations Secretariat, and requests the President of the Assembly to present, in a timely manner, the list of selected non-governmental youth organizations to Member States for approval and to ensure that the selection of the organizations is made on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the geographical representation and diversity of non-governmental youth organizations and the equal representation of young women and men;

4. *Also decides* that interested no-governmental youth organizations that are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or were not accredited to the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in 1998 may participate in the event, that such non-governmental youth organizations should submit their applications for accreditation to the Bureau of the General Assembly and the Secretariat by _____, and that the applications should contain the following information:

(a) The purpose of the organization;

(b) Information identifying the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the subject of the event and indicating in which country or countries the programmes and activities are carried out;

(c) Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level;

(d) Copies of annual or other reports of the organization, together with financial statements and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions;

(e) A list of the members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality;

(f) A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution;

(g) A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization;

5. *Further decides* that the Bureau of the General Assembly should submit by _____ to Member States for approval a list of the non-governmental youth organizations which have submitted their applications, that the list should contain information on the competence and relevance of each organization to the subject of the event, and that the list should be submitted to Member States for consideration on a no-objection basis for a final decision by the Assembly on participation;

6. *Decides* that non-governmental youth organizations whose application for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council has been rejected or whose consultative status with the Council has been withdrawn or suspended should not be accredited to the event;

7. *Urges*, in recognition of the importance of the equitable geographical participation of non-governmental youth organizations in the event, relevant United Nations bodies to assist non-governmental organizations that do not have the resources, in particular those from countries with economies in transition and from developing countries, including the least developed among them, to participate in the meetings;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to disseminate widely to the community of non-governmental youth organizations all available information on accreditation procedures and information on supportive measures for participation in the event;

9. *Decides* that an informal, interactive panel discussion on the theme "Young people: making commitments matter" will be held in the afternoon of the day prior to the event; the Chairman of the informal panel will orally present a summary of the discussions of the panel to the General Assembly at the end of the debate in plenary meeting;

10. *Agrees* that, in addition to Member States, observers, representatives of the entities of the United Nations system and non-governmental youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, an invitation to participate in the informal, interactive panel discussion will be extended to not more than fifteen youth organizations, taking into account equitable geographical distribution. The President of the General Assembly, following appropriate consultations with Member States, will draw up a list of those youth organizations, on the basis of the recommendations of the Secretariat and taking into account the principle of geographical representation, and will submit the list to Member States for consideration on a no-objection basis for a final decision by the Assembly on participation;

11. *Decides* that the arrangements outlined in paragraphs 3 to 10 above shall in no way create a precedent for other similar events;

12. *Notes with appreciation* the ongoing efforts made by the United Nations system to solicit input from youth organizations and young people into the current review of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, as requested by the General Assembly, in paragraph 14 of its resolution 58/133, and invites the Secretary-General to provide an overview of the input gathered from youth organizations to the Assembly at its sixtieth session.